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**WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY**
(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

20 AUG 2005

<p>Applicant's or agent's file reference see form PCT/ISA/220</p>			FOR FURTHER ACTION See paragraph 2 below
International application No	International filing date (day/month/year)	Priority date (day/month/year)	
PCT/US2004/035529	16.11.2004	20.11.2003	
International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC C07D307/77, C07D405/12, C07D407/10, C07D407/12, A61K31/12			
Applicant ELI LILLY AND COMPANY			

1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will usually be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA"). However, this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of three months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

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3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material:
 a sequence listing
 table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material:
 in written format
 in computer readable form
 - c. time of filing/furnishing:
 contained in the international application as filed.
 filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
 furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3. In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

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Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:

- the entire international application,
 claims Nos. 18-23 in respect of industrial applicability

because:

- the said international application, or the said claims Nos. relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (*specify*):
 the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (*specify*):
 the claims, or said claims Nos. are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.
 no international search report has been established for the whole application or for said claims Nos. 18-23 in respect of industrial applicability
 the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing does not comply with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions in that:
the written form has not been furnished
 does not comply with the standard
the computer readable form has not been furnished
 does not comply with the standard
 the tables related to the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing, if in computer readable form only, do not comply with the technical requirements provided for in Annex C-*bis* of the Administrative Instructions.
 See separate sheet for further details

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**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or
industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims	1-29
	No:	Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims	1-29
	No:	Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims	1-17,24-29
	No:	Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

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Re Item III.

Rule 39.1(iv) PCT - Method for treatment of the human or animal body by therapy

For the assessment of the present claims 18-23 on the question whether they are industrially applicable, no unified criteria exist in the PCT Contracting States. The patentability can also be dependent upon the formulation of the claims. The EPO, for example, does not recognize as industrially applicable the subject-matter of claims to the use of a compound in medical treatment, but may allow, however, claims to a known compound for first use in medical treatment and the use of such a compound for the manufacture of a medicament for a new medical treatment.

Claims 18-23 relate to subject-matter considered by this Authority to be covered by the provisions of Rule 67.1(iv) PCT. Consequently, no opinion will be formulated with respect to the industrial applicability of the subject-matter of these claims (Article 34(4)(a)(I) PCT).

Re Item V.

Reference is made to the following documents:

- D1 : WO 00/10958 A (LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED) 2 March 2000 (2000-03-02)
- D2 : BOEHM M F ET AL: "NOVEL NONSECOSTEROIDAL VITAMIN D MIMICS EXERT VDR-MODULATING ACTIVITIES WITH LESS CALCIUM MOBILIZATION THAN 1,25- DIHYDROXYVITAMIN D3" CHEMISTRY AND BIOLOGY, CURRENT BIOLOGY, LONDON, GB, vol. 6, no. 5, 6 April 1999 (1999-04-06), pages 265-275, XP000852987 ISSN: 1074-5521
- D3 : NAGPAL S ET AL: "VITAMIN D ANALOGS: MECHANISM OF ACTION AND THERAPEUTIC APPLICATIONS" CURRENT MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY, BENTHAM SCIENCE PUBLISHERS BV, BE, vol. 8, no. 13, November 2001 (2001-11), pages 1661-1679, XP009003249 ISSN: 0929-8673

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In the light of the cited prior art the subject matter claimed appears to be novel and to involve an inventive step (Article 33(29) and (3) PCT).

The technical problem underlying the present application was the provision of further compounds useful as vitamin D receptor modulators. Due to the structural difference exhibited by the claimed compounds when compared to the disclosure of D1 the solution appears to be non-obvious in the light of the cited prior art.

However, it is not clear on which basis all the provisos are present in the claims and the term "prodrug derivative" in the claims is not clear (Article 6 PCT).